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For : STEM CELLS ORIGINATING FROM ADIPOSE TISSUE AND
DIFFERENTIATED CELLS DERIVED FROM THESE STEM
CELLS

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 20, 2005
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is being filed in response to the October 20, 2005 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 20, 2005 Office Action was originally due on November 20, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is ONE THOUSAND AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$1,020.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A response is now due February 20, 2006. However, since Monday, February 20, 2006, is a federal holiday, a response filed on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, i.e. the following business day, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.